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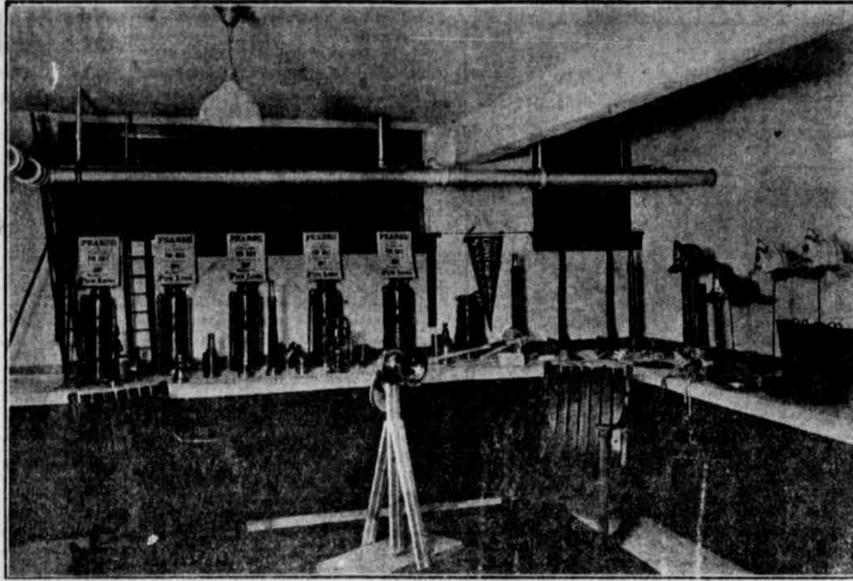
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Part of Exhibit of Julius Pearse Fire Dept. Supply Co. of Denver Colo., at the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's Association Convention Held at Columbus, Nebraska, Jan. 20, 21, 22, '14.

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Delegates and visitors were agreeably surprised upon visiting our exhibit, which was complete in detail and artistic arrangement, showing the up-to-the minute Fire Fighting Equipment in Brass Goods, Rubber Coats, Boots, Caps, Helmets and Bunker Suits, all manufactured with view of special service for Firemen. A large badge case, showing showing every kind of badge imaginable, attracted much attention. Also a Siren Horn, which was some noise maker. This firm handles everything from suspenders to a ten thousand dollar Pumping Apparatus.

Our company was represented by D. L. Cubberly and Jule Pearse, Jr., who were much gratified at the wide publicity their exhibit received. All seemed to be anxious to see and become acquainted with the apparatus being shown. Mr. Julius Pearse, Sr., the founder of this company, was for many years on the Denver Volunteer Fire Department, afterwards becoming Chief of the Denver Paid Department, which position he occupied for some eighteen years.

COLUMBUS CONVENTION A SUCCESS

Four Hundred-Twenty-Five Delegates Who Attended Annual Convention Well Satisfied With Hospitality of Columbus, Their Host—Meet at Nebraska City Next Year

Four hundred twenty-five delegates and members and 400 unofficial visitors attended the thirty-second annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association held at Columbus on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 20, 21 and 22. We are in-



Bert J. Galley, Chief Columbus Fire Dept.

debted to the Columbus fire department and Columbus Telegram for assistance in securing a full report of the convention and for the use of the lists of members of that department used herein.

George Howe, of Fremont, first vice president during the past year, was unanimously elected president of the N. S. V. F. A. for the year 1914. Just as unanimous was the promotion of H. A. Graff, of Seward, from the second to the first vice-presidency.

The first contest of the convention developed in the election of a second vice president. Six candidates were named in rapid succession. They were Ray Frost, of Stanton;

Charles Sandall, of North Platte; Robert Lewis; J. P. Hoffman, Ord; H. H. Bartling, Nebraska City; Fred H. Davis, of Madison. The first ballot failed to bring an election, Hoffman having 146; Frost, 67; Sandall, 40; Lewis, 32; Bartling, 17; Davis, 20. Bartling and Davis withdrew from the race and the second ballot elected Hoffman with 199 votes against Frost's 53, Sandall's 32, and Lewis' 24.

Faithful service for a period of fifteen years was rewarded in the case of E. A. Miller, of Kearney, who was unanimously elected secretary for the sixteenth time. Mr. Miller has been a member of the association for twenty-four years and in another year he will be entitled to a life membership. For the past fifteen years he has held the job of



Guy M. Matson, President Fire Dept.

secretary and no one has had ground to complain of his service.

Nominations for treasurer brought another bit of keen rivalry. The Norfolk delegation had been doing

some diligent campaigning in behalf of C. J. Hulac, one of its members, and had secured George Howe to place his name in nomination. As soon as it was done, the Norfolk glee club broke forth in song. As the demonstration ceased, President Ridgell turned the gavel over to Mr.



Carl Rector, Foreman Hose Co. No. 1

Graff, and placed the name of the retiring treasurer, Fred Alexander, of Scottsbluff, in nomination. Alexander was elected on the first ballot, by a vote of 244 to 99.

Harry Houser, of Fremont, was elected chairman of the board of control, receiving fully forty votes more than any other man nominated for a position on the board. The four other members elected were Ray Frost, of Stanton; Jacob Goehring, of Seward; E. W. Parkhurst, of Lexington; Thomas Jeffrey, of North Platte.

Only two bids for the 1915 convention were received. They came from Nebraska City and Crawford. Despite the opposition of some mem-

bers of the Nebraska City delegation who declared they did not have hotel accommodations sufficient to handle such an immense crowd, the delegates voted to go to Nebraska City next year.

Opening Session Tuesday Evening After devoting the afternoon to getting acquainted with their fellow delegates, the firemen formally opened their convention at the North theatre Tuesday evening. President W.



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S. Ridgell called the meeting to order and then turned the gavel over to President Guy Matson, of the Columbus fire department, for the opening exercises. After a selection by the North theatre orchestra, Rev. W. H. Xanders pronounced the invocation. Fire Chief Bert J. Galley responded to a call for a few remarks, and Mayor M. M. Rothleitner then gave the formal address of welcome to the visiting firemen. Mr. Rothleitner complimented the firemen of the state on their untiring loyalty to duty and assured them that the city was theirs during their brief sojourn there. President W. S. Ridgell responded on behalf of the state association. He spoke of the organization, its accomplishments, its purposes and plans for the future.

Accepting the gavel which was then turned over to him by Mr. Matson, President Ridgell proceeded to the appointment of the committee on credentials. As members he named E. A. Miller, of Kearney; Guy M. Matson, of Columbus; A. J. Shirley, of Ord; E. E. Gregor, of Hebron, and J. W. Byron, of Ulysses.

Immediately after the opening session, the firemen were treated to a moving picture show at the theatre. The regular vaudeville was supplemented by an exhibition of gymnasium accomplishments by Physical Director O. B. Anderson of the Y. M. C. A. and a troupe of his local acrobats.

The evening's festivities closed with a dance at Maennerchor hall, pronounced by the visiting firemen to be the most successful affair of the kind ever held at a convention of the state association. Seventy-five young ladies were present to help the local department entertain the guests. No members of the Columbus department took part in the dance. They were content to appear in the role of hosts and see to it that the visitors had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. That the courtesy was appreciated was clearly demonstrated. Every man on the floor acted the part of a perfect gentleman, and none there was so un-gallant as to take advantage of the informal order of the evening. Al-



A. C. Boone, Asst. Chief Fire Dept.

bert Rasmussen, W. C. Rector and A. C. Boone constituted the local committee in charge of the dance.

Firemen Get Down to Business The real business of the convention was taken up when the first morning session was held at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday. The committee on credentials submitted its report, showing the names of the delegates entitled to votes.

President W. S. Ridgell then appointed a committee of three members to examine the reports sub-

mitted by the chiefs of all the departments represented at the convention. On the committee were P. E. Romig, of Alliance; C. R. Frazier, of Gothenberg; H. A. Webbert, of Kearney.

Lloyd Thomas, a member of the



A. J. Mason, Foreman W. Y. Bissel Hose Co.

Alliance delegation, announced that he had a publicity plan for the consideration of the convention and President Ridgell appointed Ray Frost, of Stanton; C. R. Temple, of North Platte, and Mike Bauer, of Nebraska City, as a committee of



C. E. Shaw, Secretary Fire Dept.

three to examine the proposition and report back to the convention. Mr. Thomas, city editor of the Alliance

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